

Bomb scare: 'Boom at noon'

IWCC threatened by graffiti

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COUNCIL BLUFFS – Students at Iowa Western Community College were evacuated from campus after a bomb threat was discovered in a campus bathroom.

The threat turned out to be a hoax, but classes were cancelled for a couple hours as college officials and police cleared the area.

"We were all pretty scared," said Joey Reyerson, a freshman finance major. "It was pretty intense. I was scared at least."

According to KETV Channel 7 News, the threat was reported to university officials around 9:30 a.m. Wednesday. Students were notified of the threat around 11 a.m.

"The threat was in the form of graffiti on a bathroom stall and was pretty specific and it mentioned a specific time," Iowa Western spokesperson Don Kohler told KETV.

Kohler was out of the office late Wednesday afternoon.

Students on campus said the rumor was that the threat, which was made through graffiti in a bathroom stall inside Clark Hall, read "Boom at noon." There were questions about whether the threat was made in wet paint, through a note or by other means.

UNO officials were notified of a similar bomb threat earlier this year on campus, when a student discovered graffiti in the third floor of Arts and Sciences Hall claiming a bomb would detonate in the building on Feb. 14. The university worked with local law enforcement,

and the day passed without incident.

Iowa Western officials requested assistance from the Omaha Police Department, in addition to Council Bluffs police, KETV reported. Omaha police's bomb squad and two K-9 teams swept the campus before students were allowed to return.

Freshman Tanner Peck, a technical music major, was in class when he heard about the threat.

"I was in the middle of a test," Peck said. "A guy came in completely panicked and said we had to evacuate until 1:30 p.m."

The campus evacuation included the dorms, where Peck – who lives on campus – said students without a vehicle were put on a bus that remained parked on campus until the threat was over. Peck said resident assistants were sent around knocking on doors to get students out of their rooms.

Those who were capable of leaving campus did so, causing traffic congestion, students said.

"Once you left campus, they wouldn't let you back in," Peck said.

Junior Shelli Boesch, who is studying to be a dental



photo by Scott Stewart

Several police and K-9 units swept Iowa Western Community College after a bomb threat was found in a bathroom stall. The threat was determined to be a hoax and classes resumed.

hygienist, was working the front desk of the college library, located on the ground floor of Clark Hall, when a warning about a bomb threat came up on her computer.

"That warning actually came up on every computer in school," Boesch said. "They just had us go around and tell everybody that they had to leave right now. They were all kind of confused. They all got out really quickly."

When students returned after the threat, Boesch said

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Local philanthropist, UNO supporter dies at 90

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Charles Durham, a civic leader and generous contributor to numerous organizations including UNO and UNMC, died Saturday at his home in Omaha.

According to the *Omaha World-Herald*, Durham died of heart failure. He was 90 years old.

Durham was the chairman of Durham Resources. He was also the retired chairman and CEO of HDR, Inc.

Durham concentrated much of his financial contributions on Omaha and Nebraska.

He was one of the most generous supporters of the NU system, his contributions allowing substantial gains to be made in the areas of medical research, patient care and surgery. He also made a lasting impact in higher education, in particular information technology, architectural engineering and construction.

Durham was known as a straight shooter and a man with a heart for giving, said former UNO Chancellor Del Weber.

"Chuck Durham was a very bright man. He had a good sense of humor. He was a great citizen of the City

of Omaha and a great philanthropist. He was a self made person. He was not born to wealth, but he achieved great wealth," Weber said. "He used that wealth for the good of so many organizations in this city."

Weber was the chancellor from 1977 to 1997, when several of Durham's contributions were made.

Students should be familiar with Durham's name, as several buildings, institutions and scholarships on campus bear his name.

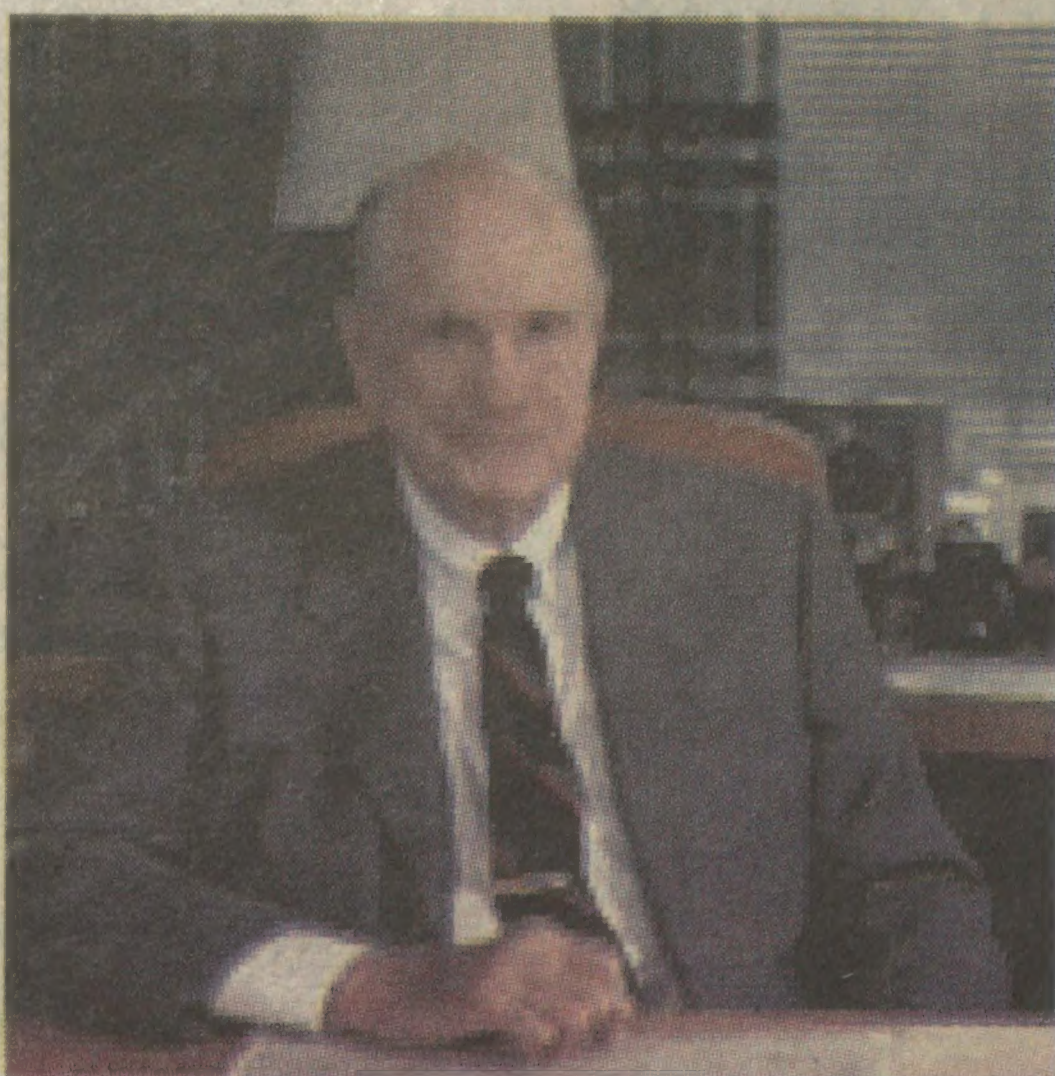
In 1984, UNO announced a sizeable gift was given from Durham to support a new science facility on campus. Durham's gift was the largest single contribution toward the project.

Construction of the science facility began in 1985; the building was named the Durham Science Center. In 1988, the Durhams presented UNO with another large gift in support

of the Aviation Institute.

In that same year, Margre Durham presented to the UNO campus a 168-foot campanile. The campanile was named the Henningson Memorial Campanile in memory of her father, mother and sister.

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Charles Durham



photo by Bill Wendt

Education accessibility

U.S. Under Secretary of Education Sara Martinez Tucker visited UNO as part of her college listening tour. Tucker attended a town hall meeting on Tuesday to see what students had to say about higher education. As part of her tour, Tucker is also visiting campuses in Houston, Denver, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

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Student Senate votes on revised anti-smoking resolution on Thursday.

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Crime: Student caught with pot, mushrooms

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A student was reported to Omaha police after driving erratically in parking lots on UNO's Dodge Street campus on Tuesday morning.

At 12:40 a.m., an unidentified UNO student was observed driving erratically, according to the Campus Crime Log.

Paul Kosel, assistant manager of Campus Security, said the student was in possession of "a lot of marijuana" as well as "mushrooms."

Omaha police arrested and charged the student with two felonies for intent to deliver a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance, as well as misdemeanor charges for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Under Nebraska law, possession of between an ounce and a pound of marijuana is a Class IIIA misdemeanor, which carries a maximum of seven days imprisonment, a \$500 fine or both; there is no minimum sentence. Kosel said the student had less than a pound of marijuana.

According to Nebraska's Uniform Controlled Substances Act, intent to deliver a non-exceptionally-hazardous Schedule I controlled substance, including marijuana, is a Class III felony. Class III felonies carry a maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment, a \$2,500 fine or both; the minimum sentence is one year imprisonment.

Possession of psilocybin mushrooms, since they contain the Schedule I drug psilocybin, is a Class IV felony under Nebraska Law. Class IV felonies carry a maximum sentence of five years, a \$10,000 fine or both; there is no minimum sentence.

According to UNL's Drug Free Campus Policy, possession of drug paraphernalia is punishable by a fine of not more than \$100 for the first offense, between \$100 to \$300 for the second offense and between \$200 and \$500 for subsequent offenses.

Crime Log

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Thursday, April 3

10:30 a.m. Staff member reported theft of university property from Arts and Sciences Hall. Incident occurred between 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 2.

Monday, April 7

2 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security officer observed suspicious activity in Lot H. Further investigation disclosed a student in possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Omaha police were contacted. Responding officer cited student for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Tuesday, April 8

12:40 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security officers observed suspicious vehicle behavior in parking lots at the Dodge location. Further investigation resulted in contacting the Omaha police and the arrest of one student for a felony count of intent to deliver a controlled substance, a felony count of possession of a controlled substance and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia.

For the Record

In the March 7 news article "Crossroad's parking fee jumps 423 percent for current year," the *Gateway* miscalculated the percentage cited in the headline. We accurately reported that the university was paying \$3,000 per day rather than the previous rate of \$127 per day, which is slightly more than a 2,362 percent increase.

The *Gateway* apologizes for this error.

Congressional debate: Richard Carter vs. Jim Esch

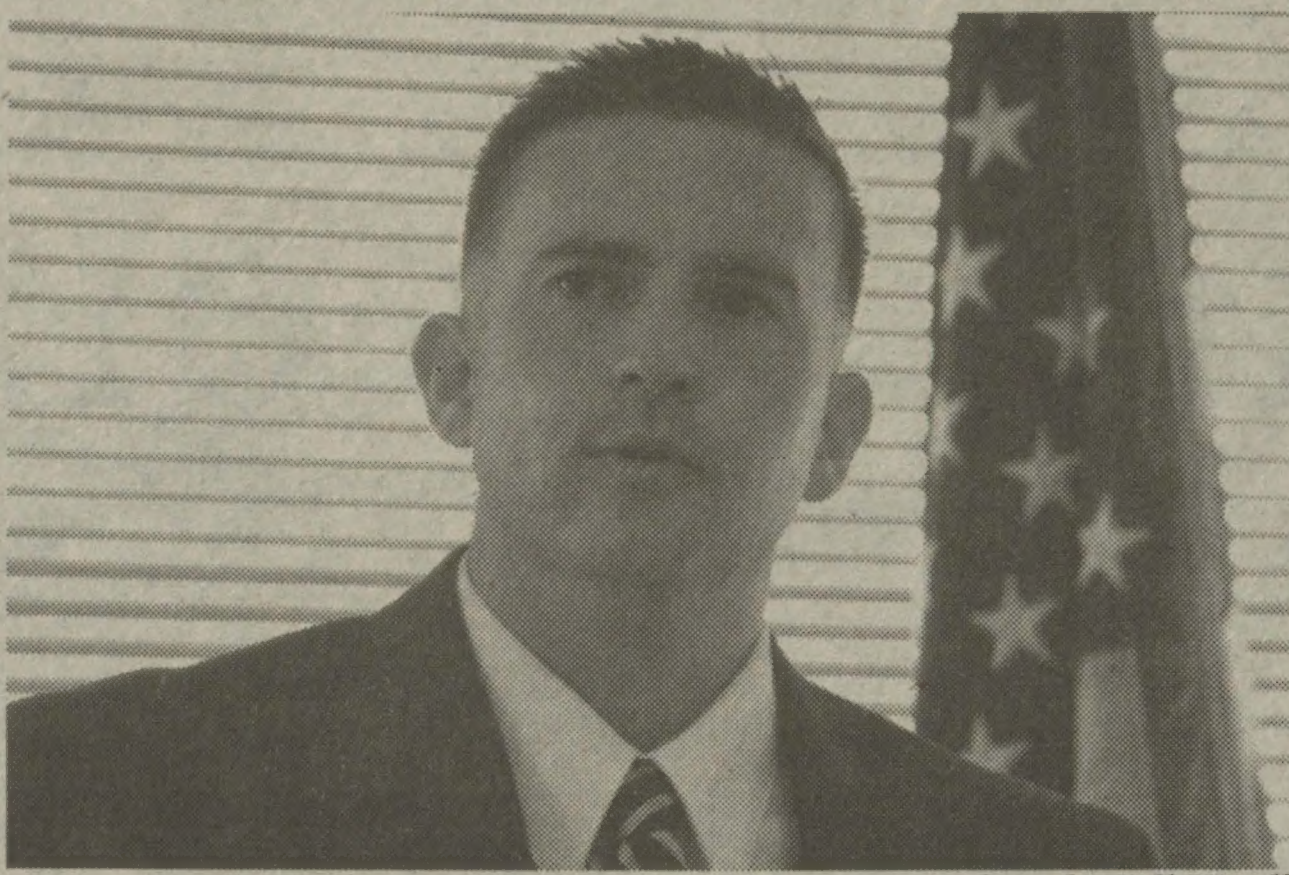


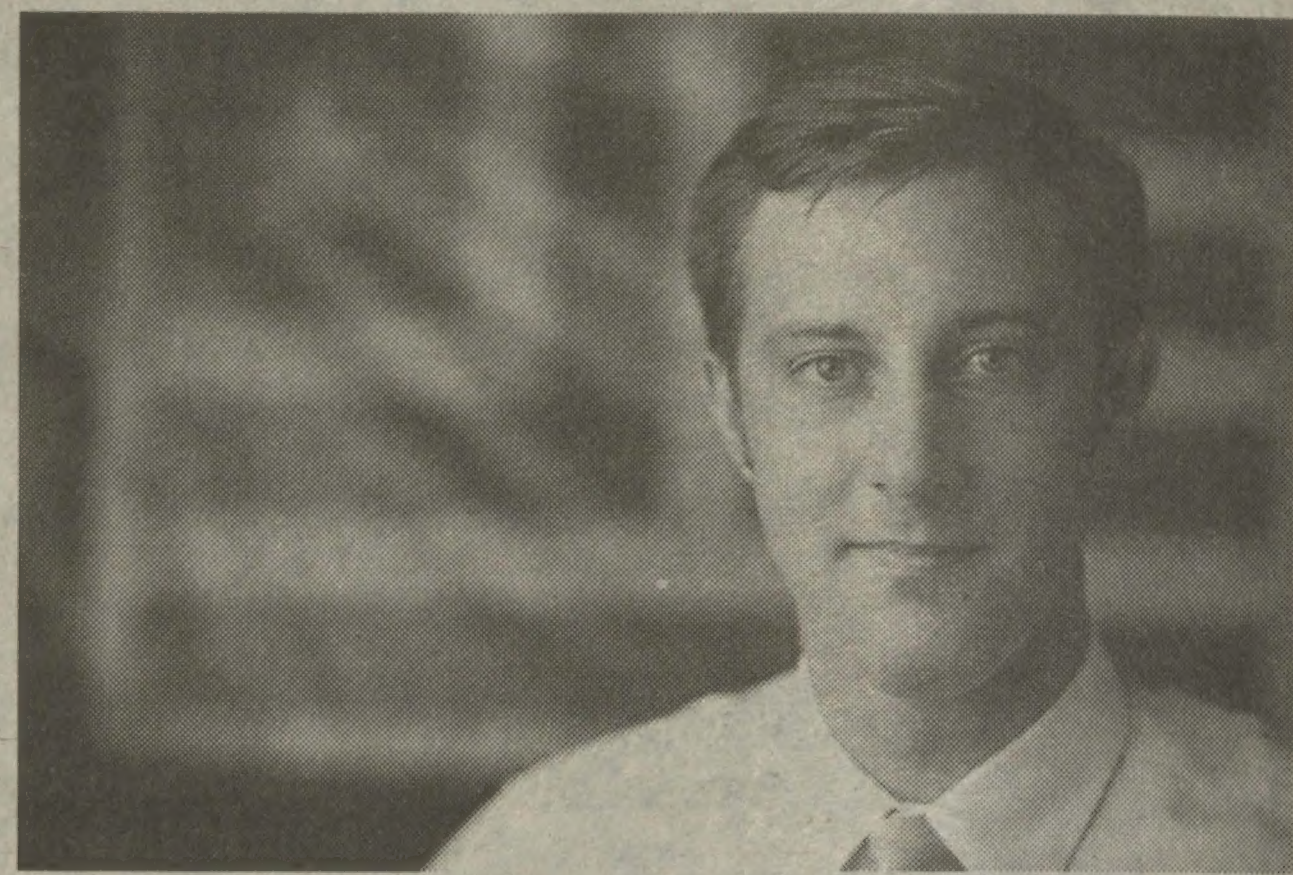
photo by Bill Wendt

Democratic hopeful Richard Carter will make his case for why he should be elected to serve Nebraska in Congress.

TAYLOR MULLER
NEWS EDITOR

The Forum, a debate and activism student group, and student government will co-host a debate between Congressional Democratic candidates Richard Carter and Jim Esch.

The debate will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Milo Bail Student Center and will focus on



courtesy

Jim Esch's previous Congressional campaign utilized new networking web sites such as Facebook.com to reach students.

the upcoming election and the candidates' campaigns.

Moderated by political science Professor Carson Holloway, the debate will have questions first by the moderator and secondly by audience members. Students, faculty, staff and community members are invited to attend.

For more information contact Meg Mandy, student government's legislative and public relations officer, at 554-2285.

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In 2000, Durham gifted UNMC with what is believed to be the largest single donation ever received for the campus. Durham offered the campus financial support for the construction of a \$77 million Research Center of Excellence. Two years after construction began, UNMC revealed the center would be called the Durham Research Center.

In 2004, the Durham Foundation announced a second major donation to the UNMC to be put towards construction of a second research tower to be connected to the original tower.

In 2005, UNO received another gift from Durham in order to establish the Charles W. Durham School of Architectural Engineering and Construction within the Peter Kiewit Institute.

Weber said Durham's contributions to the UNO campus serve as a testament to his generosity and life.

"As far as UNO is concerned, he was really one of the lynchpins in the new UNO. Without him some of the things that are closely associated with UNO today would not be there," Weber said.

Durham's generosity didn't stop within the educational realm. According to the *Omaha World-Herald*, Durham also contributed to Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and was involved in the renovation of Union Station into Durham Western Heritage Museum. He was an active participant in the Joslyn Art Museum and served on its board. He was also a board chairman of the Mid-America Council of Boy Scouts of America.

"I think every city, and particularly a city like Omaha, looks to it's philanthropist. They are so necessary for public and private partnerships, and he has left a very big hole in the fabric of Omaha. His legacy for this city will be lasting," Weber said. "All you have to do is drive around the city and see the Durham name. He will be sorely missed, and his impact will show."

His funeral was held Wednesday at the Countryside Community Church.

Durham is survived by his son, Steve Durham of Dallas; daughters Mary Helen "Sunny" Lundgren and Lynne Boyer, both of Omaha; Debby Durham of Fremont, Neb.; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Pi Kappa Alpha, Alpha Xi Delta to kick off food drive Monday

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This year, the fourth annual "Just Can It" food drive will kick off Monday at noon with a ceremony in the Henningson Plaza.

Members of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and Alpha Xi Delta sorority will be participating in the food drive, along with the Salvation Army Food Pantry and its North Omaha Feeding Program, No Frills Supermarkets, Tenaska, Two Men and a Truck and Channel 94.1 FM. Their goal will be to collect 10,000 canned food items.

Donations can be dropped off at the Salvation Army blue barrels located around campus April 14 through April 18.

On Monday, Chancellor John Christensen, representatives from Mayor Mike Fahey's office as well as the drive's sponsors will speak to students regarding homelessness and activism in the community.

During the week, students will be spending the night in the Pep Bowl, to raise awareness on campus of homeless problems and issues. Also, different events will be held each night, including a house-building competition, sports and a "Golden Can" competition.

Student organizer Michael Crabb said that with all the responsibilities of college students, it is easy to not notice need in the community.

"I think awareness goes a long way to activism," Crabb said. "I think the more you know, the better decisions you can make."

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Prohibition prices ring in 75th anniversary of repeal

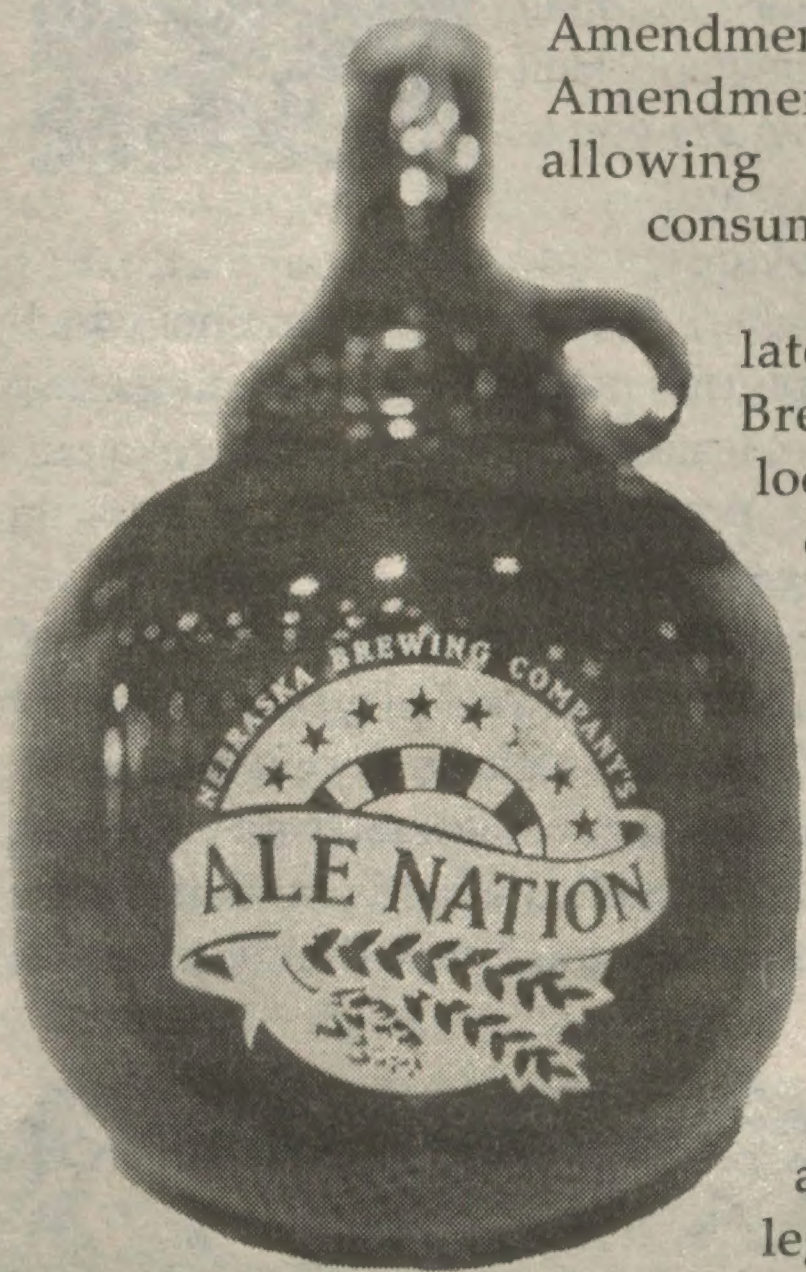
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A little over 75 years ago, President Franklin Roosevelt signed into law the Cullen-Harrison Act, the first step towards the end of the Prohibition Era. After approving the amendment, he reportedly expressed a sentiment that many of today's college students can still relate to: "I think this would be a good time for a beer."

Congress voted to pass the 18th Amendment in 1919, prohibiting the manufacture, sale, transport, import or export of alcoholic beverages. Thirteen months later, it passed in Nebraska in January 1919 and became law one year later, making the state the 36th to ratify.

For the next 13 years, the effects of prohibition would be numerous, including the rise of mobster crime bosses to spiraling illegal alcohol prices that most workers were unable to afford.

However, with the ratification of the 21st Amendment in 1933, the 18th Amendment was repealed, allowing the sale and consumption of alcohol.



Seventy-five years later, the Nebraska Brewing Company, located in Papillion, decided to turn the clock back in memory of a time when beer was illegal.

Co-owners Paul and Kim Kavulak decided to do something special for the anniversary of the legalization of what

has morphed from a home-brewing hobby to a brew-pub located in the Shadow Lake Towne Center. A sampling of their brewed-right-there beers were only 10 cents. The price, they said, was of a beer back in the 1920s and

1930s.

"We saw a great opportunity to do a couple things – to help introduce people who haven't had craft come in and try us out and to celebrate the 75th anniversary," Kim said.

Paul agreed, saying, "If they hadn't passed it we wouldn't exist."

During those times, the decision to outlaw alcohol served against the purpose of rescuing the economy since many craftsman and brewers were put out of business, Kim said.

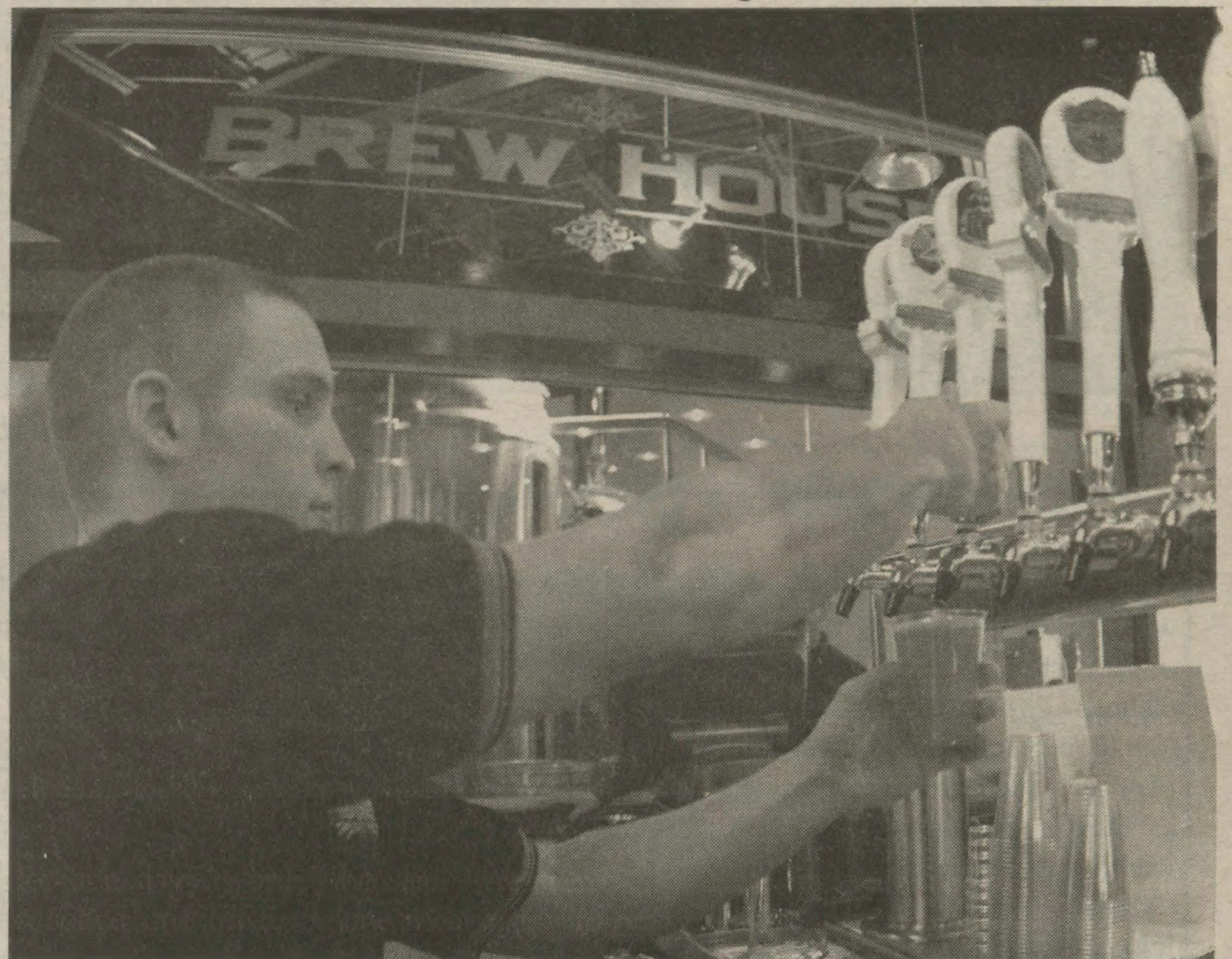
"People did in large part what they knew how to do to survive," she said. "That was an era when craftsmanship was what it was. You had a craft, and that's what you did. There wasn't a lot else to fall back on. A lot of people did what they knew to survive."

Since then, beer has thrived, going through a boom in macro breweries, and in 1965, a revival of small-brewery operations, primarily thanks to the Old Steam Beer Brewing Company in San Francisco.

"Looking back on what it must have been like, knowing there were so many fellow brewers that were falling on hard times and going out of business. For the brewing community to imagine that happening again, families would be destroyed," Paul said. "It would destroy entire groups of people in the industry."

Paul said he had once tried to recreate one of his grandmother's Prohibition Era bathtub beers but ended up with generally undrinkable results.

"It was a style of beer called Pibo, and I actually had the recipe when I was home brewing," Paul



Nebraska Brewing Company bartender Ryan Kiger pours a 10 cent beer in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the repeal of alcohol prohibition in the United States. photo by Michelle Bishop

said. "It contained a lot of actual sugar, which was a shortcut to creating the alcohol. I don't know if it was my inexperience at the time or if that was how the beer normally turned out. I wouldn't call it foul, but it wasn't necessarily a beer I would like to consume."

Beer, being one of the staples of the "Animal House"-style college student, has since become iconic America.

When asked whether they would have considered running a speak easy in the 1920s and 1930s, Paul said that with his father being a retired police officer, his answer would be "no." However, Kim equated the risk of running a speak-easy with the risk of running any small business today.

"It might have been fun, because there's always fun in risk, a little bit," Kim said. "That's what this is for us; this is fun for us. ... This is what we know and love. Brewing beer is what spawned this whole adventure. It's a lot of risk, but it's what we love."

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hardly anyone came back to the library, but those who did were not scared. They acted like nothing had even happened, she said, sitting in the library Wednesday afternoon.

Boesch said students were notified via a notification system called Reiver Alert, which is similar to UNO's e2campus text-message alert system. A Reiver, or river pirate, is Iowa Western's school mascot.

Reyerson said he wasn't enrolled in Reiver Alert, but saw a message received by one of his friends that said classes would resume at 1 p.m. The college told local media that students who chose not to return to class would not be penalized.

However, that didn't stop Peck from returning to complete his interrupted test.

Fortunately, Peck did get some last minute studying in, he said.



photo by Pamela Bouterse

Student fee increase to be on agenda for regents

TAYLOR MULLER
NEWS EDITOR

Student Senate President/Regent Lucas Seiler said Wednesday he would be preparing for the University of Nebraska Board of Regents meeting on April 18 by continuing to discuss the possible student fee increases with his constituents.

The NU Board of Regents will be addressing the budget for the Fund A and Fund B portions of the University Programs and Facilities Fee for UNO.

In total, UNO allocated \$456,018 to student government and its agencies, Student Programming Organization as well as the Gateway. This allocation was for Fund A.

Last year, the Student Activities Budget Commission allocated \$451,414, according to the senate's final allocation resolution.

Several increases have been discussed on campus, including a fee increase for Health, Physical Education and Recreation renovations and a dramatically increased parking fee at Crossroads Mall.

"I know that Lucas has been communicating with a lot of students and we talked to some student groups, a few Greek organizations and other organizations that have meetings on campus," said Kyla Sanden, chief administrative office for student government.

One of the bigger issues – that Crossroads is charging nearly 24 times the previous rate for student parking – has been the primary focus of student criticism and outcry.

"Mostly students are concerned about Crossroads' increase and some of them are trying to come up with ideas

to charge the students who do use Crossroads," Sanden said. "Right now, land-wise, we're kind of trapped. Right now, Crossroads is our only option."

Seiler, who has a symbolic vote on the board, said as the meeting gets closer, he will continue to communicate with Chancellor John Christensen and the UNO students.

"I'll tell [the regents] how students are feeling at UNO, which is not too happy with the situation," Seiler said. "I sent out an e-mail last Wednesday, and one week later, today, I have gotten nearly 75 responses. The majority of students were upset they were paying for things they weren't using. Once I explained it was part of the fee process, they were just really upset."

Seiler said as far as he knew, the budget approved by the senate was what Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Wade Robinson would be submitting to the board.

Robinson did not return calls earlier this week.

Seiler said that during his conversations with university officials, he had been told that at this point, Crossroads was still UNO's best alternative for parking.

"I think if any more students want to come forward with opinions, I would love to get this support every meeting," Seiler said. "If more things pop up on the agenda, maybe having a forum just to hear from students. It comes down to, do we not stand for Crossroads doing what they did and leave 2,500 student to fend for themselves or do we put up with it and hope Aksarben Village is done in a year?"

The regents will meet at 1 p.m. in Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege St. in Lincoln.

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The 'Box' is a lie. The 'Box' is a lie. The 'Box' is a lie.

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PC gamers, prepare to get steamed up! Valve, developer of "Half Life" fame is taking their award-winning, 2007 release "Orange Box" and breaking it apart, and selling it piece by piece. The three games being sold out of the original "Orange Box" are "Team Fortress 2," "Half Life 2: Episode Pack" and "Portal,"

all winning multiple "Game of the Year" awards from various industry leaders.

While breaking these games down into individual for-sale items represents a lucrative opportunity for Valve, the question is if the decisions is worth it for the fans.

Team Fortress 2

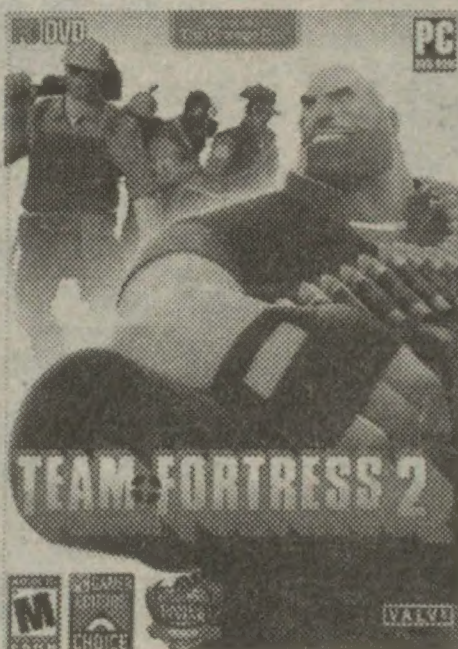
The original "Team Fortress" was, and is, still considered one of the best multiplayer games of all time.

Players choose a class to play as which can range from a "Pyro" - a masked character wielding a flamethrower - to a "Medic" - who serves to heal injured squad mates - or a "Spy" - who can disguise themselves as the opposing team, making infiltrations and assassinations look like cakewalk.

The variety of gameplay style is staggering and allows for some interesting strategies such as using a Heavy Gunner with Medic in tow. Communication is also key to winning games and may take some players time to learn the intricacies of game play.

The only potential downside is a lack of any single player mode, but hey, this is the "Multiplayer Game of the Year" according to GameSpy.

"TF2" will be priced individually at \$29.99. I highly recommended for any multiplayer shooter fans.



Portal

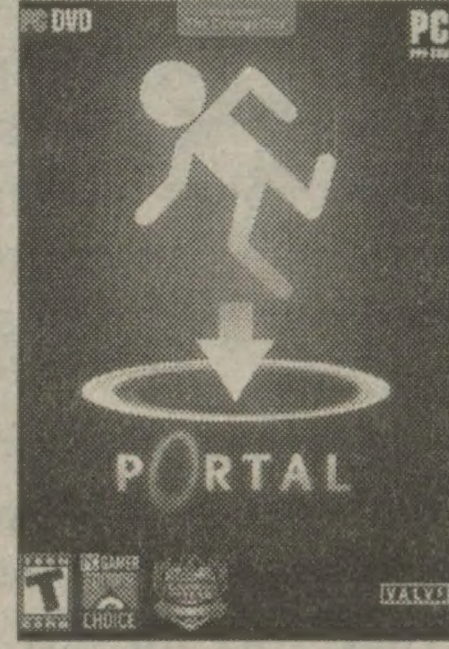
"Portal" came straight out of the "Orange Box" and jumped into gamers' hearts everywhere, establishing a heavy cult following.

Billed as a first-person puzzle game, you take control a heroine named Chell armed only with a gun that shoots, well, portals.

For example, if you create a blue portal on the wall in front of you, then an orange one on the ceiling, walking through the wall causes you to fall through the ceiling. Using this technology, you must work your way through room after room and evade certain death.

This may sound confusing, but manipulating physics to work through these rooms is incredibly addicting and intuitive. The setting for portal is also excellent: you, the test subject, are promised cake at the end of the trial by the AI unit GLaDOS, provided you can work your way past pits of acid and live military androids.

I'd hate to give anything away but ... the cake is a lie. Filled with great humor and amazing game play, I can't stress enough that everybody pick this up at its \$19.99 price tag.



Half Life 2: Episode Pack

The "Episode One" and "Episode Two" expansion packs for "Half Life 2" continue the struggle of everybody's favorite action-hero scientist Gordon Freeman.

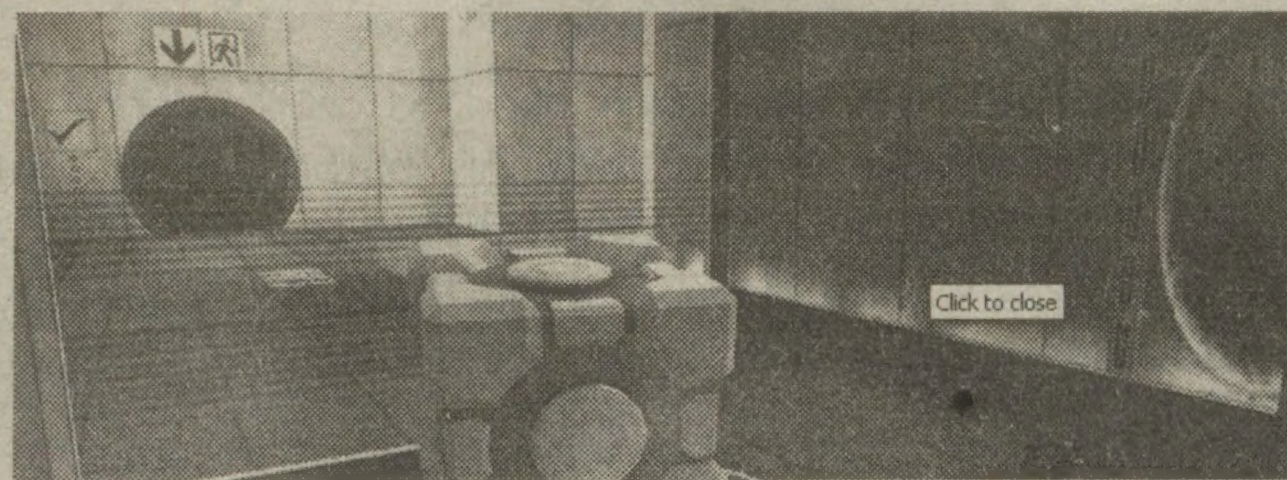
It's important to note that these are continuations of "Half Life 2," essentially they are "Half Life 3," and do not require you to have "Half Life 2" to play.

The game provides some improvements on Valve's famous Source engine, which allows for all of the physics manipulation in their games.

Action sequences featuring gun fights are broken up by puzzle interludes, providing a nice balance between thinking and fighting.

One of the more celebrated aspects for "Episode One" is its Co-op feature, in which a second player takes control of Gordon Freeman's female sidekick, Alyx Vance.

Priced at \$29.99, the only people interested in playing this may be the "Half Life" die-hards, and if you're among them, then this is a good opportunity to snatch it up.



photos courtesy of whatistheorangebox.com

Each one of these games has something that everyone can enjoy. However, if you're not looking to spend money on all of them, this is a great way to get that certain game for that special gamer in your life -

especially "Portal" at its \$19.99 price.

If you already own any of these titles, you can 'gift' them to a friend, but why buy them in that case?

Overall, pound for pound, if you want even two of

these, the "Orange Box" is an amazing value. But to each gamer their own, and Valve certainly knows how to please everyone. Look for these individual titles on store shelves now.

'Instant' entertainment from Shelterbelt Theatre

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Eight people, 24 hours and a dozen pots of coffee ... No, it's not "CSI." It's the Shelterbelt's Instant Theatre Festival.

On April 4, the Shelterbelt Theatre gave eight writers the chance to partner up and come up with four one-act plays in 24 hours.

The organizer of the festival, Scott Working, used a unique technique to pair the writing groups: matching pens. After the writers had their partners, at about 10 p.m. on Apr. 4 the writers began their work.

Working said that he didn't give the writers a specific direction, but he did try to tie all of the acts together with a reference space, allowing the writers to decide whether or not they utilized the suggestion.


The writers had until 4 a.m. the next day to finish their work, and at 5 p.m., the volunteer actors began rehearsal.


The actors only had two and a half hours to remember their lines, making for a highly anticipated final product.


At 7:30 p.m., the festival opened with "When the Moon Hits Your Eye" written by Todd Brooks and Travis Theiszen. This humorous piece was a great opening to the festival and probably the second best one-act of the evening.


In this performance, Jerry (Jeremy Johnson) takes


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R.E.M.'s 'Accelerate'

a welcome return to band's classic sound, passion

REVIEW BY
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The last three years has undoubtedly been a period of rediscovery for R.E.M. and, after listening to the band's 14th album "Accelerate," I can only thank God that they found themselves again.

Just like the album's cover, invoking memories of post-industrial artwork from the roaring '20s, R.E.M. is poised to move forward by embracing its past.

While not everyone may have noticed, 2004 marked a turning point in the band's now nearly three-decade history together.

Michael Stipe and crew released their 13th studio album, "Around the Sun" in 2004 and was promptly dismissed by the critics and even the band itself.

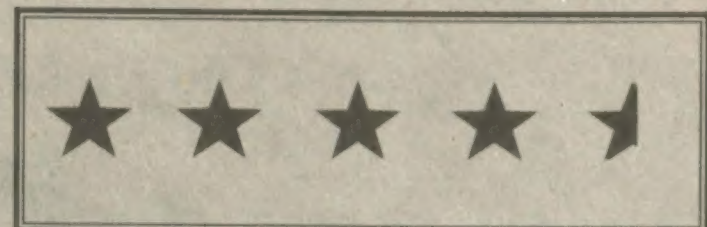
"I like 'Around the Sun,'" bassist Mike Mills told *Rolling Stone* in 2006, "But I think, honestly, it turned out a little slower than we intended for it to."

Maybe the title "Accelerate," means a bit more than the band is letting on. In any case, it wasn't long before the band began to do just that.

Just before the November elections in 2004, R.E.M. joined numerous other bands, including Omaha's own Bright Eyes, on the "Vote for Change" tour.

In 2006, while the band was prepping for their next studio album, EMI Records released a greatest hits compilation from R.E.M.'s years with I.R.S. records with the album "And I Feel Fine... The Best of the I.R.S. Years 1982 - 1987." The album, unsurprisingly, received critical acclaim.

However, the R.E.M. retrospective would continue into 2007. In March the



band was a first-ballot selection to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. During the induction ceremony the band performed with original drummer Bill Berry, who left the band in 1997.

Berry also collaborated with his former band mates on a cover of John Lennon's "#9 Dream" for the album "Instant Karma: The Amnesty International Campaign to Save Darfur," which donated proceeds from sales to

the non-profit organization.

The band re-appeared on store shelves one more time in the fall of 2007. "R.E.M. Live," a recording of the band's performances in Dublin, Ireland which closed out their world tour for "Around the Sun."

Perhaps the politically-motivated collaborations and look back to the band's roots sparked something in Stipe's creative juices. Far more than any recent

release from the band, "Accelerate" sounds like it was recorded during the band's '90s heyday.

Starting off with "Living Well Is the Best Revenge," the up-tempo guitar riffs lead into Stipe's aggressively-charged vocals:

"It's only when your poison spins into the life you'd hoped to live that suddenly you wake up in a shaking panic - wow!"

Wow indeed.

Up next is "Man-Sized Wreath," a gritty, unmeasured rant about apathy followed by "Supernatural Superserious," a super-catchy track that invokes memories of classic hits like "Man on the Moon" and "Talk about the Passion" while "Houston" is a haunting and scathing protest song about the ramifications of Hurricane Katrina:

"If the storm doesn't kill me the government will, gotta get that out of my head," Stipe sings. "It's a new day today and the coffee is strong. I finally got some rest."

Other stand-out tracks include the album's upbeat title track, "Accelerate," the Paul Simon-esque "Mr. Richards" and the blood-pumping "Horse to Water."

To say there are bad tracks on this album would only be half true. Rather, some songs just pale in comparison to some true gems; and there are plenty.

With "Accelerate" it's almost as if the members of R.E.M. had fallen into a deep, 10-year slumber.

It's too early to tell but, if "Accelerate" is any indication, the band is ready to once again make their way into the thick of the fast-paced rock world and leave the competition in the dust.

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his girlfriend to the restaurant where he swears he overhears a murder threat. To his astonishment, the suspected killer, George, shows up at the restaurant with his wife, Martha, and sits at the table next to Jerry and his girlfriend.

Jerry instantly turns on his James Bond skills and spies on George and his wife to find out the victim's name. Upon hearing his own name mentioned, Jerry hurriedly tries to get his girlfriend to leave the restaurant.

This one-act was made complete by Johnson's portrayal of neurotic behavior and funny facial expressions.

The next one-act was "Sold," written by Kathleen Lawler and Andrew Yolland, about a dysfunctional family. This piece somewhat resembled the family in Tennessee William's "The Glass Menagerie," but taking it one step further.

This entry seemed to analyze the cyclical psychological ills of society by making the schizophrenic brother a hero. This allowed the performance to depict the idea that no one is better than anyone else. This piece was extremely dramatic and the best piece of the

night.

After a 10-minute intermission, the festival continued with a one-act written by Amanda Miller and Jeremy Johnson called "Worldly Hands."

This was interesting in that it showed how different religious views can separate people but also ultimately bring them closer. This performance is one that would be even better if it were extended. Time would have allowed the actors to capture the hearts of the audience.

The last performance of the night was "The Bluebird," a piece written by Benjamin Graber, a graduate student in UNO's theater department, and Geoffrey Steinblock.

This one-act was about a playwright that takes the advice and criticism of a young man to help him write a good play.

All told, the writers, actors and directors for this festival seemed well-prepared for this unique and challenging task. The plays themselves were well done in their own right, but having only one day to complete the pieces showed the incredible nature of all involved.

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Golfers finish second in Iowa tournament

KEVIN CLEMENS
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The UNO golf team battled through tough conditions to turn in a second place finish over the weekend at the Upper Iowa Spring Classic in Amana, Iowa.

In just their second tournament of the spring season, the Mavericks turned in a 687 to finish just one stroke behind

tournament champion Truman State.

Lynn Mulligan started the spring season where she left off in the fall: near the top of the leader board.

Mulligan led the way for the Mavericks on Saturday and Sunday, posting rounds of 82 and 83, respectively. She held down the second place position through both days of the tournament and was bested only by Truman State's Krystal Limsiaco for the individual

tournament title.

Limsiaco shot a final round 79 and a two-day total of 162 to edge out Mulligan by three strokes.

With seven of its golfers in competition, UNO finished the tournament with three others placing in the top 10. Sara Wolfe shot 88-83-171 for a seventh-place tie, while Abbey Weddle and Lindsay Newton tied one another for 10th place with a total of 173.

"Under the conditions, we did well," said UNO Head Coach Tim Nelson. "It's a very difficult golf course, and it was very windy and cold. It rained nearly an inch the night before the tournament."

Including the fall season, Mulligan has finished in the top ten in seven of eight tournaments she has competed in as a senior. The Kansas City, Mo., native is optimistic about the spring season and ready for nicer weather.

"I think we have a lot of room to improve, and we have a lot of tournaments ahead," Mulligan said. "Once the weather gets nicer, hopefully we can start playing even better. We are hoping to win regionals and go back to nationals again. That's really what we are focused on as a team right now."

For Nelson, optimism lies in the fact that his team has not yet reached its full potential.

"We can always play better, and they could have played better at the tournament. We just need to make a few more shots," Nelson said. "Right now, we are getting close to where we want to be and the next two tournaments we can really show what we got."

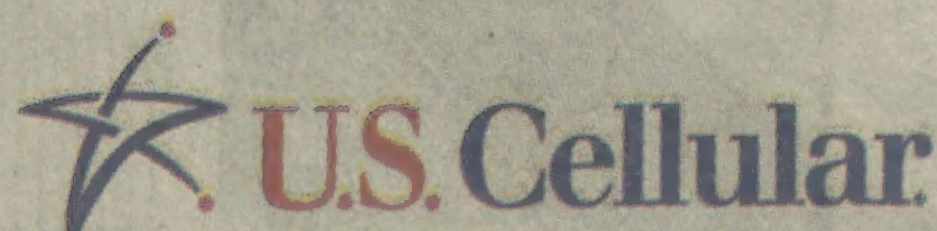
"We got a team that is very capable to be a top-two team in the region this year."

UNO's next tournament will be their only home tournament of the year, the Ironwood Collegiate Golf Class in Omaha. The two-day tournament will be played Sunday, April 20, and Monday, April 21, at the Ironwood Country Club near 126 and Pacific streets.

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Senior standout on fire

Weimer setting torrid pace for streaking Mavericks

JASON SIBSON
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Casual UNO baseball fans, meet your star centerfielder.

Through the first 29 games of his senior season, Chris Weimer has a sparkling .414 batting average. His 11 home runs and 36 RBIs are towering numbers that no other player in the North Central Conference is threatening to touch.

Weimer's .901 slugging percentage is second in the nation, and his 1.41 runs per game and .38 home runs per game averages are also top five national numbers.

As if his offensive prowess isn't striking enough, Weimer has 51 putouts with just two errors this season as the leader of the UNO outfield.

"He can run, hit and field," said UNO Head Coach Bob Herold. "There's no if's, and's or but's - he's a draftable player."

Herold likened the senior season Weimer is having to that of former UNO great, Chad Leon, whose .374 average, 13 home runs and 44 RBIs in 2006 led the Mavs to a 45-14 record.

Leon's senior year was memorable, but Weimer is on a pace this season that the UNO baseball program has yet to witness.

"He's having a monster, monster year," Herold said.

Although this may be the season that propels him into definite draft status, Weimer is no spring chicken.

His 18 home runs from the clean-up spot a year ago set a single-season school record.

But make no mistake; Weimer has taken his game to a whole new level in 2008.

"He's a lot better hitter this year," Herold said. "He's a lot tougher out with two strikes, he stays inside himself, he hits the ball the



photo by Bill Wendt

Chris Weimer is leading the North Central Conference with 11 home runs and 36 RBIs.

other way, he's learned his strike zone a little bit better and he's more disciplined."

It's an overall improvement that Herold said comes from hard work and determination.

"He wasn't satisfied with having a great year last year. He wanted to have an even better one," Herold said. "He's that kind of individual."

Weimer is batting second in the order this season and is sandwiched between a gang of all-conference talent. UNO upper-classmen Bryan Frew, Mat Eikmeier, Josh Shirk, Evan Porter and Dustin Koca are all batting well over .300 as mainstays in the heart of, arguably, the North Central Region's most powerful lineup.

The success of those around him has ensured Weimer that he is going to get pitched to, whether opponents like it or not.

"You got Frew batting in front of him,

and he's a real hard out and a real good hitter," Herold said. "Then you got Porter, and we got Josh Shirk back, and those guys can knock you in, so if you just pitch around [Weimer], those guys can hit."

After a road-sweep of Drury Wednesday afternoon, UNO's intimidating lineup and upstart pitching staff are now riding an eight-game winning streak.

During the run, the Mavs have outscored their opponents 75-32. Fifteen of those runs can be directly attributed to Weimer.

UNO will carry its momentum and its gaudy offensive numbers into an eight-game home stand that begins this Saturday. UNO (20-9, 4-0) will play a two-day, four-game set with conference rival Minnesota Duluth in what should be a chilly weekend series.

The temperature in Omaha may be expected to drop this weekend, but don't expect Weimer's numbers to follow suit.

UNO's streak: 10 and counting

Softball team makes another mid-season statement

SEAN OWENS
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Maverick softball has a winning tradition that stretches back to its early days of existence, including a 2001 NCAA championship under present Head Coach Jeanne Scarpello.

Seven years since UNO captured its only national title, its competitive attitude has not diminished a fraction.

The 2008 club has now won 10 games in a row and 32 of 38 games overall. Senior leadership has helped pave the way for the underclassmen, a group that is represented well within the pitching rotation.

The young Maverick pitching staff consists of junior Allysa Fligg, sophomore Melissa Negrete and freshman Beth Haley. The pitching collaboration has given the Mavs the belief that they have a chance to win every game they play.

"As a team, we realized that when we come out to play we can beat anyone at any time, but we also know that if we slack we can lose just as quickly," Haley said.

On Monday night, the team swept Augustana College at home by scores of 11-4 and 12-3, smashing a combined 28 hits in the double-header.

In the first game, Haley struck out four hitters, while giving up just six hits. In the victory, senior infielder Leslie Svoboda showed her leadership, belting an RBI triple in the first inning and a three-run home run in the fifth. Svoboda's 12th home run of the year helped move the Mavericks to 4-0 in



photo by Michelle Bishop

Leslie Svoboda blasted her 12th home run of the season during the Mavs's 11-4 win over Augustana on Monday.

the North Central Conference.

"It's really easy to pitch when we have such great hitters to back us up," Haley said. "It gives us a lot of confidence as pitchers, that if we fall behind they are going to bail us out. It's amazing to see our team from the bench ... the way we are hitting is really awesome."

The sweep marked a special set of wins for Scarpello, who played at Augustana and graduated as a Viking in 1996.

The team then swept Northwest Missouri State at home on Tuesday, 2-0 and 5-2. Again, Haley put on a masterful performance, giving up just five hits in the complete game shutout to improve her record to 13-2 on the season. The only scoring was produced by a Treighton Yates-

RBI and a Bearcat throwing error in the third inning.

In the night game, the Bearcats had an early 1-0 advantage against the Mavericks before a five-run fourth inning from UNO put Northwest away for good. Negrete improved her record to 10-2 on the season, giving up just two runs on eight hits in the complete game victory.

Accounting for UNO's offensive explosion were senior catcher Brianna Cataudella, senior outfielder Chanel Reaves and freshman infielder Ashley Lynch.

The five-hit fourth inning showed why the pitching staff remains confident when they fall behind.

"I really have a lot of confidence in the hitters to be there for me when things get a little tough," Negrete said. "Even when we get down some runs, we have the hitters that can get it back ... even in just one inning."

UNO has outscored its opponents 74-22 during its current 10-game winning streak.

"After the losses at the UNO classic, we just decided that we needed to get things together and work a little harder," Negrete said. "We are really coming together right now."

The team will take its 32-6 record on the road with them this weekend for the Concordia-St. Paul tournament in St. Paul, Minn. The Mavs will play three games Saturday and two Sunday.

UNO Tennis team struggles during start of daunting 5-game road trip

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SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The UNO tennis team suffered its second loss this season on Saturday at the front end of a five-match road stretch, 7-2 against No. 24 Emporia State.

With a 2-1 deficit following doubles, the Mavs continued to fight with a steady hand. Junior Rachel Faulk defeated ESU's Marcela Bayon 6-3, 6-3 in No. 1 singles competition to even the match.

But as quickly as the match was tied, the Mavs were out of it.

On a brighter note in Mav-country, the play of doubles duo Kelsey Haas and Katie Spahn has continued to shine. The pair stands at 5-0 in doubles matches this year. Since the return of Haas from an injury early in the season, the two have become brutally tough as the team's No. 2 doubles pair.

Still, UNO Head Coach Bill Nichols isn't yet satisfied with the play of the undefeated pair.

"They just could not serve to their forehand service return. We knew it was their weakness and they didn't attack it and that was disappointing," Nichols said. "I think it's a mental thing more than a physical."

Nichols stressed the importance of precise serving to his team during the previous week's practice and compared it to seeking rhythm when practicing free throws in basketball.

The Mavs will have more than a week of rest before they continue their road trip against the Bearcats of Northwest Missouri State.

"Northwest has the best team in the region," Nichols said. "We've got a tall task, and the biggest thing I'll be focusing on is the psychological."

The Bearcats are soaring as of late, winning three-in-a-row and 14 of their last 15 matches.

Northwest's Kristina Vucenov (10-0), the No.1 player in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association and recently-named MIAA Women's Tennis Player of the Week, should prove to be a challenge for UNO's Faulk.

Faulk, who is 8-1 this season and 39-8 in her career, will seek her 40th career singles win next week against Northwest Missouri State. The number is a milestone only three other players in school history have reached.

"The losses that Rachel has had in the past, she will have the tendency to beat herself by sometimes playing too aggressive," Nichols said. "It is difficult as a tennis player to figure out when you want to play a certain way."

Nichols said there is one factor that could spell disaster for Faulk: fear.

"She needs to go out there and not be afraid of a loss and that opponent," Nichols said. "If she plays with that fearlessness, her talent is good enough."

With a career winning percentage of .830, Faulk currently stands as the most successful singles player in school history.

The match against the Bearcats will be held Wednesday, April 16, at Frank Grube Courts in Maryville, Mo. The first serve is set for 3:30 p.m.

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Get to know your fellow UNO students

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Christen Colvin said she loves to meet new people wherever she goes. A 2004 graduate of Valentine High School, she attended Doane College in Lincoln before transferring to UNO.

The transfer also involved switching majors. Colvin said she is currently a speech communication major, but started out following her love of music.

"I was a music major at Doane, but the classical music they made us study was not as fun, so I kind of lost it," Colvin said.

Colvin said she likes living in Omaha so much she'll probably stay here for a long time. She has similarly positive feelings about UNO.

"I like how UNO has a variety of people: young and old, from cities and small towns," Colvin said. "I just wish everyone at UNO knew everyone else. You only know people in your classes."

She said she has been able to see new faces by performing around Omaha and Lincoln with her country band, Mason County. Colvin sings and plays keyboard; her fiancée sings and plays guitar.

Colvin said Mason County has played at various clubs, including Rednecks, Bushwhackers and Uncle Ron's, just to name a few.

"We played in Valentine before we moved the band to Omaha," Colvin said. "We've met a lot of people through our music."



photo by Judy Hansen



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Sarah Casey, a public relations major and 2004 Blair High graduate, said she is constantly busy. Like many UNO students, Casey juggles school, work, a social life and possible internships.

"I've been applying for summer internships, so I won't really be having a vacation," Casey said. "I'll also be working and taking 12 credits this summer."

She said she often has so many things to do that she sacrifices sleep to get everything accomplished.

"I'm actually really funny when I'm sleep deprived or when I have too much caffeine," Casey said. "I'm a pretty witty and sarcastic person; add a lack of sleep and watch out."

In spite of being sleep

deprived and swamped with work, Casey said she loves attending UNO.

"I don't have any dislikes about UNO," Casey said. "I was initially nervous, but I quickly found my niche in college."

When she gets a little free time, Casey said she likes to take photographs, "watch 'guy' sports" and take road trips to see concerts.

As for her future plans, she said she's keeping her options open.

"I'm still trying to find a place where a job doesn't feel so much like work," Casey said. "Something to keep the boredom away."

STUDENT LEADER OF THE YEAR

2007-2008

Jennifer Piatt

Jennifer understands that being a difference maker requires vision, passion, and a lot of hands on work. She understands that leadership is as much of a campus responsibility as it is a global perspective. Leadership many times is defined by the number of accomplishments achieved, but could better be defined by the character of the individual.

She is a Political Science major with a minor in Chicano-Latino Studies graduating in May 2008. Her leadership roles include involvement in Americans for Informed Democracy, CCSW, Student Leadership Council and Director of the Women's Resource Center. Her personal interests include politics, outdoor activities-especially kayaking, and spending time with friends and family. She is described as an objective and upstanding person, consistently evaluating her work to ensure it is in the best interest of the UNO students.



UNO veteran shines light on serving



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photos by Andrea Barbe

As Memorial Day approaches, the nation takes a moment to reflect on all the war veterans that fought to preserve our country's freedom. One UNO student opens up about his travels to the Middle East and how they have forever shaped his outlook on life.

Senior Karl Johnson served 12 months in Iraq working as a public affairs specialist. But his military career started at a young age.

His father was a communications specialist with the Air Force. Since then, Johnson always had a passion for the armed forces.

In high school, Johnson joined the junior reserve officer training corps and competed in several marksmanship competitions. After graduating, he enrolled at Kansas State University and studied engineering and physics. It was only after a short period in Manhattan, Kan., that Johnson decided to

return home. He then transferred to UNO and bounced around between a few different majors.

"I [have] always felt like something was missing. I always just thought it was because I couldn't decide what to major in or what I wanted to do with my life," said Johnson. "But I finally determined two things: I'm either not doing something that I've always wanted to do, meaning that I should just join the military because that's what I've always wanted to do anyways. Or two, I lost focus. I wasn't focused enough or disciplined enough and those things seem to go together with joining the military. I was thinking that if nothing else, at least it'd give me discipline."

After reflecting on his dad's military career, Johnson decided to enlist in the Army Reserves in 2004.

"I researched [different jobs] before talking to my recruiter and found that the Army had a public affairs specialist job, which is basically like half public relations,

half journalism person," Johnson said. "I had just started taking the first broadcasting radio course and thought that it was really cool. So when I went to go talk to my recruiter, I told him that this is going to be the easiest job he has. I told him that that was the job I wanted to do and he signed me up that day."

Over time, Johnson completed his army training, got married to his high school sweetheart, Kristen, and completed more classes towards a broadcasting degree. Then Sept. 29, 2005, bad news came in the form of a phone call.

"I got the call and my supervisor was on the other end and he said, 'Karl, the phone call that you didn't want to get - this is it.' For myself, I was prepared," Johnson said. "I told myself daily that being in the Army, this was something I was prepared to do. So for me, I was ready to go. I didn't make a big deal out of it."

Eleven days after that call, Johnson left to begin training in Kansas at Fort Riley and then shipped out to Kuwait so that he and the rest of the troops could acclimate themselves to some of the extreme weather conditions. Johnson arrived in Iraq on Christmas Eve.

"The lasting thing for me was when I crossed the border from Kuwait to Iraq," he explained. "Right away, you notice these children on the side of the street begging for money, food, treats, whatever. Your convoy stops and you get to go out and talk to people. The kids want to talk to

you and they only know about two words of English. They'll give you thumbs up and say 'We love soldier' and you just melt. People will just give them all food they have to eat for the next day. I've seen soldiers give up everything they had that day right then and there because they don't know what else to do."

Johnson settled in as best he could and dove right in, volunteering for every mission available to him, regardless of how dangerous it was.

"I wanted to experience everything I could. I wanted to know what's out there," Johnson said. "On a day-to-day basis, I would get imbedded to an infantry unit or some type of convoy or supply transportation. Then I would follow them around and chronicle what they were doing or escort media like CNN or Fox News when those guys would come. I would make sure they were getting their stories without getting hurt."

In addition to those duties, he was given a variety of different jobs. One such task sent him out to Baghdad after receiving word of terrorist activity in the area. That mission physically pushed Johnson to his limits.

"Our commander asked us to stay out there, so our one or two days had turned into a week and we didn't bring a week's worth of supplies. We only had enough

for one day's worth," he said. "We were rationed one MRE, or one meal ready to eat, per day and one bottle of water per day. We did several miles of marching from little village to little village, clearing houses. It was amazing... what you think you can do and what you're capable of."

Johnson served out the rest of his term in Iraq and flew back just a few days before Christmas in 2006.

"I flew into Kansas City on a smaller plane that only carried about 20 people. By the time we landed, [everyone] pretty much knew what was going on," Johnson added. "A few people had asked me about it, so by the time we landed in Kansas City, it had made it's way around the plane, even to people I hadn't talked to. When we landed, everyone refused to get off [the plane] until I got off. They wanted me to get off first because they knew that there was probably somebody waiting for me. Everyone shook my hand as I walked off the airplane... which was a really cool thing."

Johnson was greeted by his wife, family, friends and co-workers. He returned to Omaha with a newfound sense of life.

"My favorite part of my job was getting to meet every type of soldier out there from the ones out there on the front lines to the medics that take care of those that are injured,

"I wanted to experience everything I could."

to food service workers and mechanics. Those were the best people I've ever met in my life," Johnson said. "People back at home will gripe about some of the things that they have or don't have and just don't have a clue as to what's going on in some other places. They don't think about what soldiers are dealing with on a daily basis; things that that person couldn't even fathom."

Since serving in Iraq, Johnson continues to work for the Army Reserves, where he has a little over two years left. As a civilian, he works part time at UNO Television and will graduate in December 2008 with a degree in broadcast journalism.

"I really like the Army experience, being a soldier and how it makes me feel, the discipline it gives me and the opportunities that I've had," Johnson said. "I'm happy with where I am today. I have to think that I'm doing something right."

However, Johnson remains modest, crediting those around him for his success and his strengths.

"When I came home, people wanted to say 'atta boy' and 'great job,' but who does that for my wife besides me? Who says 'great job' to her for all of her sacrifices? She deserves some of those accolades that I get all the time. Kristen deserves the credit for taking care of those things and supporting me at the same time."

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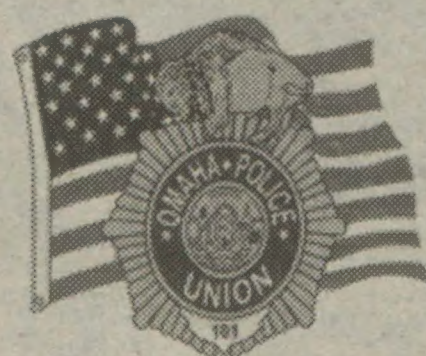
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Recently, while doing research for a previous article I had written entitled "The condom, the pill and the patch" (March 11). I stumbled upon this an article, which may be one of the most ridiculous articles I have ever read.

"'Birth Control' Pills cause early Abortions," by J.T. Finn is filled with pro-life, or anti-choice propaganda, which made me shudder at the sight of it.

In this article, Finn tries to convince uneducated, blindly Christian woman into believing that "the pill and its 'cousins' kill children." They tell these women birth control products such as Depo-Provera (a hormonal injection) and Norplant (a hormonal implant), as well as the companies that produce intrauterine devices, are spitting propaganda into their young ears.

First of all, I'm not sure I've ever heard such a huge crock of shit in my life. Let's begin with the generalized statement of "the pill... kill children." Hello? Since when did a zygote become equivalent to child? I'm sorry, but I must have missed that lecture in biology. I was under the distinct impression that once an egg was fertilized, it becomes a zygote, not this 'child' that Finn keeps mentioning.

So when does this 'child' even show up in this storyline? Well, first this zygote has to implant itself in the uterine wall, which can take up to a week. It's not until the zygote is implanted that it considered to be conceived and can even have a chance at surviving. Once it's implanted, it becomes an embryo.

Still, I haven't said 'child.' It is not until approximately four weeks after the original release of the egg that this embryo becomes a fetus. This is what is considered the first week of pregnancy.

This fetus, according to my own beliefs, becomes a baby in the fifth week of pregnancy, when its heart begins to beat. So, I'm sorry Finn, but you need to watch your baby language.

I was raised Christian, and I was raised with the belief that murder is a sin, a sin that if I don't ask forgiveness for, I will go to hell for. But, as I grow older and I read articles like this, it makes me question these Bible-thumping enthusiasts.

As I've grown older, I've come to hate that guy on campus who tells me I'm dressing like a slut and I'm going to hell. I've come to hate those ladies outside Planned Parenthood (or in once instance, outside a Barrack Obama rally) who wave signs with pictures of dead babies on them.

I'm sorry, but I don't need to see dead babies to understand that you don't agree with abortion.

Pretty much, I'm tired of these over-zealous Christians telling me what I can or cannot do with my own body. This is what Finn is suggesting. He considers these birth control methods (or "birth control" as he likes to say) to be "abortifacients."

"Abortifacients" is a word used to describe chemicals that cause early abortions. These chemicals are in birth control measures and this "abortion" occurs before the zygote even becomes an embryo, so before what most people, even some Christians, consider conception.

What's even more awesome about this word is that the spell check doesn't even except this as a word. So, sorry again Finn, but you're unbelievably mistaken.

So instead of using this "abortifacients," Finn suggests using "natural family planning". Puuuuhhhllllease.

For those of you who don't know what natural family planning is, it's when a couple charts out the woman's menstrual cycle and only has sex when she is least likely to get pregnant.

This is a great idea, in theory and only in theory. There are definitely speed bumps along the way. For instance, there are many women who choose to take the pill to regulate their menstrual cycle. If they were to stop taking the pill, their menstrual cycle would become irregular again make it hard to chart.

According to Planned Parenthood's Web site, plannedparenthood.org, of 100 women who use this method, 20 of them will become pregnant within the first year. This is compared to the eight of 100 women who take the pill each year with typical use.

Finn also doesn't take into account that not everybody is in a stable relationship and not everyone believes that sex before marriage is immoral. So, what are these promiscuous woman supposed to do about sexually transmitted diseases or viruses? Natural family planning isn't going to protect them so they have to protect themselves.

Then there's lust. Sometimes people just want to have sex. Our emotions, urges and sexual needs can take over and cause us to make poor decisions.

So, good luck, Finn, I hope that you can control your own urges by getting to know Rosy Palm and her five friends very, very well.

Finn also uses this term "breakthrough ovulation," which is the claim that although pills are supposed to prevent and egg from being released, an egg actually does get released and can be fertilized.

True, this can happen, but I'm under the impression that most women who take birth control pills, or any other form of hormonal birth control, don't want to have children. So, even if they do have "breakthrough ovulation" and that fertilized egg does not

attack to the uterine wall and is release during their next menstrual cycle, they couldn't give two shits about it

I'm sorry, but as a sexually active 20-year-old woman, I find a vast major of the arguments that Finn attempted to make in this article blatantly spun (as Bill O'Reilly would say) and covered in so much neo-conservative Christian crap that I have a hard time taking him and his slanted sources seriously.

So, Finn, maybe next time that you decide to write an article about birth control, you should do a little more research on the unbelievable beneficial aspects of birth control.

I may be pro-choice, but believe me I am not pro-abortion. I believe that there is ways of preventing unwanted pregnancies and the birth control pill is one of the widely accepted ways by physicians around the world.

I would like to leave you with something to think about next time you try to argue against innocent "pro-choicers" like myself.

Diane Glass, a journalist for the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* once said, "Granting a fetus rights means a woman's body is the ward of the state. She no longer has rights - the fetus does. You can't protect fetal rights unless you disregard women's rights."

Glass is a graduate of Harvard's University's Divinity School with a Master's in Theology, concentrating on Christianity and culture.

Glass is just one of the many woman who Finn should have as good of an intellectual conversation as he can in order to be informed next time he tries to bash a wonderful advance in modern medicine such as the birth control pill.

If you would like a good laugh at Finn's argument of abortion birth control causes, please visit prolife.com/BIRTHCNT.html.

Damsel in the press



Elizabeth Dam

Horoscopes from the talented



Aries (March 21-April 19): Your fiery spice is alluring but dangerous. Learn to simmer down when things get too hot.

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